

important and isolated a seaport as the small one on the coast of Florida to which they were heading.

Another singular feature of this journey was that all aboard, from the distinguished Admiral to the junior Lieutenant Commander, were, by order, in the plainest of civilian dress. That it had been the intention of the War Department to maintain their identity secret was proved by the comments of a railway official who stood near one of the coaches while waiting for a change of locomotives.

"You understand, don't you," he said to a man apparently a train despatcher standing beside him, "that this train has the right of way over everything? Sidetrack the flyer if necessary to get this through. There can't be anything in front of her, and the only limit to her time is the speed of the engine that pulls her. I understand it's a party of Secret Service people the Government is sending to Cuba. That's all I know about it, and it's in line with everything else you naturally can expect from such a lot of insane men as they seem to have in Washington."

They whirled away from the station, looking at each other blankly, and wondering what the outcome of all this mystery could be. Every action so far was without precedent. There was a disposition on the part of some of them to bemoan the fate which had detached them from their ships at a time when the country was to be defended and glory won; but this was brought to a sudden end by grim old "Fighting Bob" Bevins, the Admiral, who reprimanded them for daring to criticize their superiors or their orders.

"I don't know what it's all about, boys," he said, relenting. "I wish I did; but I have no more knowledge of it than you have. I don't even know why Miss Roberts is aboard; but this much I am certain of: that the men in Washington know what they are doing, and all the rest of the world can just keep on criticizing and guessing. As far as we are concerned, we are officers who have sworn to and will obey orders, even if they tell us to go to the outer edge of the flat earth."

Darkness came on them before their next stop was made, and they slowed down as they passed through the yards of a large city, felt their puffing locomotive being uncoupled, and heard the slow resonant snorts of a fresh one being driven into place. They were tired of the day's traveling, and sat in listless silence, looking through the open windows at the half deserted platforms. Newsboys were running here and there offering the latest editions, and they called them to the side of the coach and

bought newspapers from them. The silence in the car was broken by the Admiral, who had been the first purchaser.

"Well, I'll be blanked!" he said, angrily crumpling his paper into a ball which he threw on the floor at his feet, before he began striding up and down the aisle. What he had read beneath flaring headlines was this:

"WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Japanese have taken the Hawaiian Islands, together with the gunboats Marietta and Corbett, and are now landing troops from a large transport. The incredible and disgraceful feature of the affair is that not a gun was fired by either side, our officers contenting themselves by running up the white flag when the enemy approached. The cable operator sending the message said that he did so under the surveillance of two Japanese officers, who at the conclusion of the message would disconnect the cable, thus putting the islands out of communication."

To be continued next Sunday

Marine Mimics

ONE of the most remarkable examples of mimicry in the marine world is to be observed in the fishing frog (*Lophius piscatorius*). This fish, which is also known locally as the angler, goosefish, monkfish, all mouth, toadfish, carpetbag, and sea devil, is quite common along the Atlantic seaboard. It is a slow moving fish, with an enormous mouth, and has two thick, fleshy pectoral fins that are shaped like great human hands, while its tail is shaped thus also, with the fingers all pointed one way.

As the fish is a poor swimmer, it buries itself in a recess between rocks, holding on with its armlike pectoral fins to seaweeds or stones, which it resembles so closely in color that it is almost impossible to distinguish it from its surroundings. As it has numerous fringes of fantastically ragged skin similar to the brown seaweed growing in tiny patches on rocks and timbers everywhere in salt water, its resemblance is heightened when these pendent fringes move to and fro with the current. Its mouth is also so colored and lined that, when opened, it looks just like an innocent, pleasant dark cleft in a submarine rock.

In order to draw fishes upon which it feeds within the enormous mouth, the fish elevates a long, slender fin from its back. This fin is bulbous and covered with slender fleshy filaments, and simulates tempting live bait so closely when hung just over the gaping mouth that many fish are attracted by them and fall victims to the wiles of the fish.

AN ANXIOUS MOTHER

Drawing by Grace G. Wiederseim



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Mew, mew! Little girly so gentle and kind,
Please don't hold my kitties so, if you don't mind.
It hurts their poor tummies, and that's why they mew,
Cause they cannot speak, little girly, like you.

Please don't take my babies away, little maid.
I'm only a pussycat, and I'm afraid
If you hold them in that way,
With tails over head, my poor little kits
Will get fits, and go dead.

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